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This book of essays is a guide to help librarians in reference and/or collection development in the field of literature in English. Chapters fall into two broad sections: Resources and Collections, and Readers and Services. The first section includes six chapters: "The Nature of Library Collections" (William A. Wortman); "Retrospective Collection Development and Its Bibliographies" (Richard Heinzkill); "Primary Source Material: Responsibilities and Realities" (Susan L. Peters); "Critical Editions" (John L. Tofanelli); "Electronic Texts and Selected Web Sites for English and American Literature" (Shelley Arlen); and "Assessment of Literature Collections" (Scott Stebelman). The second section comprises seven chapters: "The 'MLA [Modern Language Association] International Bibliography' and Library Instruction in Literature and the Humanities" (Judy Reynolds); "Literary Reference into the New Century" (Michael Adams and Candace R. Benefiel); "Management of Electronic Text Collections" (Perry Willett); "Issues in Cataloging Electronic Texts" (Timothy Shipe); "The Return to History in English Studies" (J. Paul Hunter); "A Typology of Literary Scholarship for Academic Librarians" (Stephen E. Wiberley, Jr.); and "Faculty Liaison: Librarians and Faculty as Colleagues" (Marcia Pankake). Contains an index. (AEF)

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